DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families
[OMB No. 0970-0345]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Temporary

Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Financial Report, ACF
196T

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families

(ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the Temporary

Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Financial Report, Form

ACF-196T (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0345,

expiration April 30, 2023). ACF is proposing minor updates

to the form to remove a reporting line-item reference that

was associated with an expired program expenditure and

minor edits to the instructions and formatting to better

the presentation of the document.

DATES: Comments due within 60 days of publication. In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Grantees of the TANF program are required by statute to report financial data on a quarterly basis.

Form ACF-196T is used by tribal agencies administering the TANF program to report these quarterly expenditure data and to request quarterly grant funds. Failure to collect the data would seriously compromise the Office of Family Assistance and ACF's ability to monitor TANF expenditures and compliance with statutory requirements. These data are also needed to estimate outlays and to prepare reports and budget submissions for Congress.

Respondents: Tribal agencies receiving a direct grant from OFA to administer a TANF program.

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
TANF Financial Report, Form ACF-196T	51	4	1.5	306

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 306

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on

(a) whether the proposed collection of information is

necessary for the proper performance of the functions of

the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: Social Security Act, Section 409; 45 CFR 286,245-286.285.

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